

which, added to the receipts of the year, makes an aggregate of \$95,252.03.

The disbursements, on the same account, for the same period, were \$71,384.25; and deducting the expenditures from the aggregate, there will appear to the credit of the Free School Fund, as of the 30th of September, 1858, \$23,867.76.

That portion of the School Fund which consists of Bank Stock and Cash belonging to the Counties is exhibited in STATEMENT G.

The Act of Assembly of 1858, chapter 296, before alluded to, authorised and directed the Treasurer "to have invested the sum of \$160,929.26, (the amount received from the General Government, in 1857, on account of interest upon the money advanced by this State to the United States during the last war with England,) in the bonds of this State, or, in his discretion, in some safe and profitable stock or stocks, fund or funds." In pursuance of this law the Treasurer purchased, at a cost of 90 per cent., \$80,500 of York and Cumberland Railroad 6 per cent. coupon bonds, the interest upon which is payable semi-annually on the first of January and July; at 93.41 per cent. \$55,240.30 of Baltimore City 6 per cent. Water Stock, the interest upon which is payable semi-annually on the first of November and May; and at 93 1/2 per cent. \$57,818.68 of Baltimore city 6 per cent. stock, interest payable semi-annually on the first of January and the first of July. This investment it is believed will prove a safe and productive one. The action of the Legislatures of 1825 and 1858 in thus encouraging common schools is worthy of approbation; but, if the State had given, in so noble a cause, the whole amount received from the Federal Government it would have been quite possible for her to have devoted it to a wiser purpose. Resolution 38, of 1825, appears to have contemplated the establishment of a system of Common Free Schools, and it should be a source of regret to every patriotic citizen of Maryland that so good an object has been so long delayed. Works of Internal Improvement are necessary to develop the energy and industry of a State, but every permanent advancement of